

**LEGAL NOTICE 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR GIBSON JACK**

Legal Notice 30-Day Comment Period for Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation Draft EA Opportunity to Comment on Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation Draft Environmental Assessment The Forest Service, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Westside Ranger District, is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation. The Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation Project proposes to move the existing Gibson Jack Trailhead 800 ft. to the west and reconstruct/construct associated trail approaches for Trail 014 and Trail 015. The proposed action includes the need for a site-specific Forest Plan amendment to relocate the 4.1(b) - Developed Recreation Site management prescription area to accommodate the proposed trailhead and the proposed reconstructed access road. A description of the proposed action and other information regarding the project are available for review at the Westside Ranger District Office, 4350 South Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204 or online at: [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects). Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Debrah Tiller, at 4350 South Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204, email: [dtiller@fs.fed.us](mailto:dtiller@fs.fed.us) or phone: 208-236-7500. This proposed action is connected to a proposed roadless area boundary modification to West Mink Roadless Area. The proposed modification would exclude 11.4 acres from the roadless area to accommodate the proposed trailhead and access road. The proposed modification would also add 18.8 acres of a "cherry-stem" intrusion along the Gibson Mountain Trail, for a net gain of 7.4 acres to the 19,600 acre West Mink Roadless Area. The boundary modification would not change the existing management of Gibson Mountain Trail. Per 36 CFR 294.27, the proposed boundary modification is part of the agency's rule-making process and the decision to modify roadless area boundaries lies with the Chief of the Forest Service. The rule-making process is separate from this National Environmental Planning Assessment process. The boundary modification decision would precede the decision on the proposed Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on the proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Due to the need for a site-specific Forest Plan amendment, this proposed project is subject to the objection processes found in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B and 36 CFR 219 Subpart B. Per 36 CFR 218 and 219, only those who provide specific, written comments regarding the proposed project or activity will be eligible to file an objection. All previously submitted comments on this proposed project will be considered by the Forest Service. How to Comment and Timeframe Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Idaho State Journal, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Written comments must be submitted to: Lori A. Bell, District Ranger, 4350 South Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204, fax: 208-236-7555. The Westside Ranger District office hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday, closed weekends and federal holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to [comments-intermttn-caribou-targhee-westside@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermttn-caribou-targhee-westside@fs.fed.us). In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.5 or 219.53. Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this action and will be available for public viewing. April 5, 2015 LN22374

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